

I believe that media ownership has become dangerously concentrated, and this trend should be reversed as soon as possible. A mere handful of companies are controlling a vast array of media outlets, and this can only encourage a censorship that will not be good for democracy. Current examples abound with cable companies holding virtual monopolies in captive markets and a stranglehold on pricing that has been rising much faster than inflation. Companies such as Clear Channel, through their enormous acquired networks, have amassed an awesome ability to crush smaller competitors. I don't think an idea such as CNN would have much of an opportunity to flourish as a separate entity today in the present environment, let alone what may exist in the future if current trends continue.

Concentration has gone far enough. It's time for the FCC to reign in the interests of unbridled commercial enterprise before it is too late.